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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: Michael J. Malanick
Associate Deputy Director for Administration

SUBJECT: Ames Building Cafeteria

REFERENCE: Note dtd 22 Sept 78 to Admiral Turner from
[REDACTED] (with Petition Attached)

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Sir:

1. In a 9 June 1978 memorandum (Attachment 1), the General Services Administration was asked to discontinue the Government Services, Inc., cafeteria operation in the Ames Building. This action was necessary because of our urgent need for space to meet immediate requirements primarily NFAC related. By reconfiguring the cafeteria, we will be able to recoup 7,000 sq. ft. of office space which will allow us to move the DDA's Declassification Unit from Langley to Rosslyn (approximately 2,400 sq. ft.) and make this Headquarters space available for NFAC's analysts. It would also give NFAC's OGCR, now located in the Ames Building, approximately 4,600 sq. ft. of sorely needed expansion space.

2. Other considerations which weighed heavily in the decision were:

a. Before making a final determination on closing the Ames cafeteria, every affected component was contacted on expected repercussions. Each expected an initial, limited reaction based on limited proportional use of the GSI facilities by their employees, but agreed that the closure should not have major, lasting impact.

b. There are 17 commercial eating establishments within 2 1/2 blocks of Ames and Key Buildings.

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c. Other "external" Agency components, notably DDS&T and DDA employees in the 2430 "E" Street complex [REDACTED], and Chamber of Commerce Building [REDACTED] do not have cafeteria facilities. [REDACTED] rely on snack bar service or use a recently built Navy cafeteria (in another building). Only snack bar service is available for [REDACTED]

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d. The Ames cafeteria will be replaced with a large-sized, machine-type snack bar.

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e. The Ames cafeteria has been losing money for years, and GSI has maintained steady pressure to discontinue the operation.

f. Agency employees represent only [REDACTED] of the 7,500 Federal employees located in the immediate Rosslyn area. None of these other Federal agencies (DoD, State, AID, and others) maintain cafeteria facilities. In this regard, you note that many of the petition signers are non-Agency employees and, to the best of our knowledge, have not sought remedial action through their own parent organizations.

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3. As you may recall, in your most recent appeal to Administrator Solomon for space relief (Attachment 2), the necessity to recover cafeteria space to meet current requirements was cited. Unfortunately, after months of space analysis conducted simultaneously with efforts to goad GSA into acquisition of new space, it must be concluded that closure of the Ames cafeteria is the only viable means to provide the space necessary to meet urgent requirements.

4. Attached is a suggested response [REDACTED] with a second attachment to that note which we believe should be circulated as a Rosslyn Area Employee Bulletin. The parking cost situation is not treated. This has been a continuous problem for over ten years, and we and other Federal agencies are legally constrained against providing relief. Please advise if I can provide more information.

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Attachments